and Naimada Sagar Project of Madhya Pradesh has been stalled due to the fiict that Central Government < have nof accorded permission for use of forest land for the purpose of constructing these projects under Foreft Conservation Act;

(b) H so, what are the "reasons there tor; and

(c) what steps are being taken for expediting the work on tne above pro jects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRON-MENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The proposal T for cMveision of forest lands for Tons Hydfl Project has been approved. The decision on proposals for 'diversion of forest land for the Indira Saroval (Bodhghat) and Narmada Sag?r Projects will be taken on the avilable information, taking into account all environmental aspects. The SUte Government of Madhya Pradesh have not still submitted some esiential information in regard to divernion of forest lands for the Ban Sagar Project. The decision oil the diversion of forest lands for the Ban Sagur Project will be taken on receipt of the required information from the State Government.

News-item Optioned "Funds diversion cost fire service dear"

2273. SHRIMATl KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a), w'lether Government's atten- tion has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 28th February, 1987 captioned "Funds diversion cost fire Strvfce dear";

(b) if so, what are the details there }f; and

(c) tbt action Government propose to take to set matters right?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *A* grant of Rs. 11. 83 crores spreai ver 2 years has been sanctioned for improvement of the Delhi Fire Service. This is to cover the purchase of equipments and appliances aid setting up of 5 new fire stations and underground water static tanks

Cc) 5 The grant of Rs. 5 crores has been released during the current financial year and the Delhi Fire Servif e have stated thaMfhis is being utilised for the specified purposes.

Implementation of laws for weak 0 and underprivileged

2274. SHRIMATl KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be. pleased !o state:

(a) whether any reply to the letters 'written by Central Government to State Governments concerning proper implementation of the laws for the weak and underprivileged {specially of the Taws like Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 and the Minimum Wige Act, 1948 has been received; and

(b) if so, the names of the States that have replied and the details of the action taken by them?

TH!2 MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRt P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, fir.

(b) Does not arise.

Dissemination of commercial information

2274. SHRIMATl KRISHNA KAUL; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleasfd to state:

(a) whether exporting community feels handicapped dug t"4 insctequate disserrin ution of commercial information; and

(b) ii so, what steps Government are tikHg in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b'l Export Promotion Councils, Comno iity Boards, Federation of Indian Export Organisation, Trade Development Authority AND such other organisations, which help in promoting country's export, disseminate in different ways, commercial information to the exporting community. The exporters are members of one or the other organisation and there is constant interaction between the (organisations and exporters at. regular intervals through meetings, seminars, workshops etc. The commercial information Is fed to the exporting community through published literature, b'uyer-seller meets, sales delegations and other export piom)tion' activities. Keeping pace with present day trend to "develop computerised information some of the Councils are having their own and f ome are trying to create computer system for giving quick and ready made commercial information to the exporters. The Trade Development Authority i_s also working on a proposal to establish National Centic for Trade Information to collect, store, classify and disseminate inforn ation on various aspects of international trade.

Foreign tourists

2276. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI; Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to tate:

(a) What is the total number of foreign tourists who visited Khajuraho, Agra and Varanasi during the last three years;

(b) what were the earnings of the States and the Antral Government on this account;

fc) whether any fresh initiative is being taken by the Central Government to give a "Boost to tourism in the country; and

(d) if so, what are tne__ details thereof?

THE MINISTER T>F TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) As per the statistics provided by the State Government, the number [v] of foreign tourists who visited Khajuraho during the lastp, 3 years are as given below-

1983-84	22,529
1984-85	20,278
1985-86	15,900

Statistics of foreign tourists visiting Agra and Varanasi are not available.

(b) No estimates are available iiL, this regard.

(c) and (dT The initiatives taken by the Union Government to boost tourism in the country include vigorous publicity campaigns in the overseas markets including consumer advertising through print and electronic media, introduction of promotional and incentive schemes like "India on the House" and "Affordable India" development of infra-structural facilities in the tourist centres, etc.

Pollution in river Narmada

2277. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: wills the Minister of ENVIRONMENT ' AND FORESTS De pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that river Narmada is getting highly polluted because of the setting up of various types of industries on her banks;

(b) whether some funds willbe made available as were givenfor cleaning of river Ganga, to the Madhya Pradesh Governmentto clean Narmada river; and

(c) if so, what other steps, if any, are being taken by "Government *to* keep Narmada free from pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI). (a) Stretches of the river